Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, enacted in 1975, created a joint federal and state program "for the purpose of enforcing the support obligations owed by absent parents to their children, locating absent parents, establishing paternity, and obtaining child support"; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota has been a leader in adopting new laws to make the enforcement of support more effective, including mandatory wage assignment, a statutory support obligation, and administrative establishment and enforcement of support; and,

WHEREAS, Since the Office of Child Support Enforcement was established within the Department of Social Services in 1975, over 12.5 million dollars has been collected, of which 2.6 million dollars was collected in fiscal year 1983; and,

WHEREAS, There is a need to stimulate the attention of the citizens of the State to the issue of child support, and to engender a greater public awareness and understanding of the purposes and accomplishments of the program; and,

WHEREAS, The program's ultimate goal is to reduce financial deprivation among America's children by ensuring that the responsibility for support rests with the responsible parents, consequently diminishing the need for welfare dependency by women and children; and,

WHEREAS, The dedicated service of family support enforcement personnel, the judiciary and the legal community has contributed to increased child support collections, paternity establishments, and the location of absent parents:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 1983, as

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT MONTH

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens who are charged with the responsibility of providing support to their families to fulfill their moral and legal obligations faithfully, and further encourage all who are involved in the enforcement of support to continue their efforts to improve the quality of life for all citizens of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of July, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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